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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

The November 3, 2004 Official Action has been carefully reviewed. In view of the following remarks and the submission of a new sequence listing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

At the outset, it is noted that a shortened statutory response period of three (3) months was set in the November 3, 2004 Official Action. Therefore, the initial due date for response is February 3, 2005.

Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-8, 11-15, 17, and 19 are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has, however, objected to claims 9, 10, and 16 for allegedly failing to comply with the Sequence Rules.

The foregoing objection constitutes the only ground set forth in the November 3, 2004 Official Action for refusing the present application.

Applicants re-submit herewith a listing of the amino acid sequences presented in the above-referenced application. The sequence listing is being submitted in both paper copy and computer-readable form. Applicants respectfully request entry of the sequence listing into the above identified patent application. The undersigned hereby verifies that the paper copy and computer readable form of the sequence listing are identical and do not contain any new matter.